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What is claimed is:

1. A method for dynamically provisioning computer system resources, the method comprising:

5 monitoring a connection performance parameter of a data communications port operating in a data communications protocol having a connection backlog queue having a connection backlog queue size; and

10 changing the connection backlog queue size in dependence upon the monitored connection performance parameter without interrupting the operation of the data communications port and without user intervention.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein:

5 monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises receiving a connection request and determining that the connection backlog queue is full; and

10 changing the connection backlog queue size in dependence upon the monitored connection performance parameter further comprises increasing the connection backlog queue size.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein:

5 monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises monitoring a connection backlog queue load; and

changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises changing the

backlog queue size in dependence upon the connection backlog queue load.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein:

monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises calculating
an average round trip time for a portion of a connection handshake and
5 calculating an average arrival interval between connection requests; and

changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises increasing the
connection backlog queue size if the average arrival interval is less than the
average round trip time and decreasing the connection backlog queue size if
10 the average arrival interval is greater than the average round trip time.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein:

monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises calculating
a bandwidth delay product for a connection backlog queue and comparing the
5 bandwidth delay product with the queue size; and

changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises changing the
backlog queue size to at least the bandwidth delay product if the connection
backlog queue size is less than the bandwidth delay product.
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6. The method of claim 1 wherein:

monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises measuring
accept processing time; and
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changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises changing the
backlog queue size in dependence upon accept processing time.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein:

monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises calculating
an average accept processing time and calculating an average connection
5 request arrival interval for a connection backlog queue; and

changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises increasing the
connection backlog queue size if the accept processing time is greater than the
connection request arrival interval.

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8. A system for dynamically provisioning computer system resources, the system comprising:

means for monitoring a connection performance parameter of a data
5 communications port operating in a data communications protocol having a connection backlog queue having a connection backlog queue size; and

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means for changing the connection backlog queue size in dependence upon the monitored connection performance parameter without interrupting the operation of the data communications port and without user intervention.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein:

means for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises
means for receiving a connection request and means for determining that the
5 connection backlog queue is full; and

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means for changing the connection backlog queue size in dependence upon the monitored connection performance parameter further comprises means for increasing the connection backlog queue size.

10. The system of claim 8 wherein:

means for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises
means for monitoring a connection backlog queue load; and

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means for changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises
means for changing the backlog queue size in dependence upon the connection backlog queue load.

11. The system of claim 8 wherein:

means for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises
means for calculating an average round trip time for a portion of a connection
5 handshake and means for calculating an average arrival interval between
connection requests; and

means for changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises
means for increasing the connection backlog queue size and means for
10 decreasing the connection backlog queue size.

12. The system of claim 8 wherein:

means for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises
means for calculating a bandwidth delay product for a connection backlog
5 queue and means for comparing the bandwidth delay product with the queue
size; and

means for changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises
means for changing the backlog queue size to at least the bandwidth delay
10 product.

13. The system of claim 8 wherein:

means for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises
means for measuring accept processing time; and

5 means for changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises
means for changing the backlog queue size in dependence upon accept
processing time.

14. The system of claim 8 wherein:

means for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises

means for calculating an average accept processing time and means for

5 calculating an average connection request arrival interval for a connection
backlog queue; and

means for changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises

means for increasing the connection backlog queue size.

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15. A computer program product for dynamically provisioning computer product resources, the computer program product comprising:

a recording medium;

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means, recorded on the recording medium, for monitoring a connection performance parameter of a data communications port operating in a data communications protocol having a connection backlog queue having a connection backlog queue size; and

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means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the connection backlog queue size in dependence upon the monitored connection performance parameter without interrupting the operation of the data communications port and without user intervention.

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16. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises means, recorded on the recording

5 medium, for receiving a connection request and means, recorded on the recording medium, for determining that the connection backlog queue is full; and

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means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the connection backlog queue size in dependence upon the monitored connection performance parameter further comprises means, recorded on the recording medium, for increasing the connection backlog queue size.

17. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for monitoring a connection
performance parameter further comprises means, recorded on the recording
medium, for monitoring a connection backlog queue load; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the connection
backlog queue size further comprises means, recorded on the recording
medium, for changing the backlog queue size in dependence upon the
connection backlog queue load.

18. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for monitoring a connection
performance parameter further comprises:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for calculating an average round
trip time for a portion of a connection handshake; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for calculating an average arrival
interval between connection requests; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the connection
backlog queue size further comprises:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for increasing the connection
backlog queue size; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for decreasing the connection
backlog queue size.

19. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises means, recorded on the recording medium, for calculating a bandwidth delay product for a connection backlog queue and means, recorded on the recording medium, for comparing the bandwidth delay product with the queue size; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the backlog queue size to at least the bandwidth delay product.

20. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises means, recorded on the recording medium, for measuring accept processing time; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the connection backlog queue size further comprises means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the backlog queue size in dependence upon accept processing time.

21. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein:

means, recorded on the recording medium, for monitoring a connection performance parameter further comprises means, recorded on the recording medium, for calculating an average accept processing time and means, recorded on the recording medium, for calculating an average connection

request arrival interval for a connection backlog queue; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for changing the connection
backlog queue size further comprises means, recorded on the recording
medium, for increasing the connection backlog queue size.

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